

Torrance Chamber of Commerce & Torrance Citizens Committee

URGE YOU TO VOTE

as follows on August 20th

AND HERE IS WHY !!!

Separate Proposition
TORRANCE SCHOOLS
(City Charter)

YES

BECAUSE: It is strongly recommended that the CITY CHARTER be adopted. By adoption of this City Charter the people of Torrance will be able to elect their own Board of Education composed of five members who will supervise the activities of a Unified School System within the City instead of the five separate systems now operating our schools. We feel that the people of Torrance should be able to maintain a separate and IMPROVED School System at FAR LESS EXPENSE than the amount of school taxes now collected from local taxpayers.

~~Bond Proposition No. 1~~
TRUNK SANITARY SEWERS
\$350,000.00

~~**NO**~~

~~**BECAUSE:** Construction of sewer systems should be financed from special assessments and sanitation district funds. Otherwise, every new subdivider would expect the City as a whole to bond itself for his sewer system. State funds may be available. Adequate study has not been given to these factors.~~

Bond Proposition No. 2
STORM DRAINS
\$95,000.00

NO

BECAUSE: Same reasons as for Sewers, Proposition No. 1.

Bond Proposition No. 3
FIRE STATIONS, Etc.
\$125,000.00

YES

BECAUSE: This improvement is a necessity and the funds are required to do the work immediately. This proposal is tangible and specific. The growth of the City demands more adequate fire protection.

Bond Proposition No. 4
POLICE STATION, GARAGES, Etc.
\$60,000.00

NO

BECAUSE: After the funds from Fire Station (Prop. No. 3) are available, the improvements for the Police Department can be furnished out of general taxes on "pay-as-we-go" basis, thus saving interest. We do not recommend bonding the City for the construction of storage rooms.

Bond Proposition No. 5
STREET IMPROVEMENTS
\$400,000.00

NO

BECAUSE: No specific plan for use of this bond money has been made available. The people should not be asked to sign a BLANK CHECK FOR \$400,000.00. The relationship of Federal, State and County aid, general City funds and specific assessment has not been disclosed on an overall basis nor for specific projects. Much of this street and alley work can be financed out of the general tax levy. If major street improvements are desired requiring term financing, they should be submitted as DEFINITE PROPOSALS with accurate costs for each project. This can be done at a later date after first determining the amount of Federal, State and County aid that will be available.

Bond Proposition No. 6
RECREATION FACILITIES
\$480,000.00

NO

BECAUSE: While this proposal includes some desirable improvements such as the Swimming Pool and the new Stadium at the Municipal Park, unfortunately the voter is not given the opportunity of approving these facilities unless he also approves the entire \$480,000.00 Recreation Program. Over 60% of the money including the \$269,375.00 Arts & Crafts Central Building would go to facilities that should more properly be included in the school system, thereby eliminating the need for duplicate building and equipment. Instruction in Arts & Crafts is also a proper function of the Schools, and not the City. The sum of \$269,375.00 is an unreasonable expenditure for one unneeded recreation center, particularly under the present inflated building costs. A much better and more economical program of recreation can be developed by adopting the City Charter and taking over the Torrance Schools. Then the School could take over the Arts & Crafts program and possibly the Swimming Pool project. The Stadium at the Municipal Park could be submitted as a separate bond issue proposal.

Bond Proposition No. 7
MAIN FOR COLORADO RIVER WATER
\$40,000.00

YES

BECAUSE: No main trunk water line is available connecting the Hollywood-Riviera district with the Torrance Municipal Water District, hence the Torrance taxpayers in this area who are paying their share of the Metropolitan Water District tax (Colorado River water) are deprived of any benefits from these taxes. Other areas of the City have benefitted from main water trunk lines which were available. The cost is comparatively small and the City is morally obligated to do its part.

WE DO want our OWN SCHOOLS. Vote YES on the City Charter.

WE DON'T want BOND ISSUES which will retard progress, SUFFOCATE Industry and burden every person living in Torrance.

Vote YES, for OUR OWN SCHOOL SYSTEM (City Charter) to bring about Increased Educational and Recreational Facilities, and a LOWER Tax Rate.

Vote NO, on the BONDS (excepting Propositions No. 3 and No. 7) which have NOTHING WHATEVER TO DO WITH THE CHARTER

The Bonds, if passed, will mean 48c per \$100 Assessed Valuation in EXTRA TAXES.

The Above Analysis and Recommendations on the Issues to be voted upon at the Special Torrance Municipal Election, Tuesday, August 20, were approved by the TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE at a meeting of directors on August 5, 1946, and a CITIZENS' COMMITTEE authorized to bring this information to the attention to the voters of Torrance.

TORRANCE CITIZENS COMMITTEE

ALBERT ISEN, Chairman

LESLIE ALTER, Secretary

CHAS. T. RIPPY, Treasurer

VOTE "YES" FOR SCHOOLS (City Charter)

VOTE "NO" ON BONDS (Excepting Propositions No. 3 and No. 7)